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In re Application of: Hoy, Stephen, B.

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Title: EDIBLE ANIMAL GREETING CARDS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Line 2, replace "lest" with --least--.

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Remarks

The claims of this application are being resubmitted in unamended form in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Stonoga et al ('516) in view of Colony House (1979 catalog) and Beck ('651). Claim 1 is directed to an edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet, including a rawhide panel embossed with at least one graphical image of a pet and at least textual message. Stonoga et al. teaches a novelty greeting card including an illustration